

I have received up to 26 telemarketing calls in one day. They usually begin about 8:00AM and quit about 9:30PM. We do have a service that enables our phone to "block" unidentified calls but the phone rings 4 times anyway. When we are eating a meal or trying to carry on a conversation just the ring and picking up the phone is disruptive.

The whole telemarketing idea when you look at the effects, long range, brings our whole society down. Good manners have, over the years, become less and less required. I find myself speaking to telemarketers in less than a respectful way, I don't mean profanity, just irritation. My children are adults but I would not have wanted them hearing my disrespect for the caller when they were at home and learning by my example.

I realize that in our capitalistic society, telemarketing is going to happen. I believe that since I pay for my telephone I should have the right to say, with results, that I do not want to receive telemarketing calls. Thus far, I have not received information on how to effectively screen out the disturbance of these calls. Any assistance along these lines would be very much appreciated.